VI

PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO THE COUNCIL.

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Under Standing Order No. 71, I beg to present a petition to the Council on behalf of the Madras Landholders' Association regarding the Irrigation Bill."

11-45 a.m.

The Secretary then read the abstract of the petition.

VII

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" I beg to move the adjournment of the House to consider an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the issue of the whip by the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government in connexion with the 'No-Confidence' Motion moved by my hon. Friend Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi."

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Before you give your ruling on the matter, I should like to state that it is necessary for the hon. the Mover of the Adjournment Motion to secure the support of twenty hon. Members. I may also state, Sir, that the matter has sufficiently been discussed already and that it is not a matter of urgent public importance."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" On a point of order, under the Standing Orders, it is for you to say whether you approve of it or not. I do not think any speech is in order."

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" For your consideration I am submitting it, Sir."

(Voices of 'no', 'no'.)

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Motion for adjournment is subject to the following restrictions :

'If the President is of opinion that the matter proposed to be discussed is in order, he shall read the statement to the Council and ask whether the Member has the leave of the Council. If objection is taken, the President shall request those Members who support the Motion to rise in their places, and if twenty or more Members rise accordingly, the President shall intimate that the Motion will be taken at 4 o'clock.'

"I now ask whether the hon. Member, Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chettiyar, has the leave of the House and request those Members who support the Motion to rise in their places."

Objection having been taken but more than twenty Members having risen in their places,

The hon. the PRESIDENT said :—" I think there are more than twenty Members in support of the Motion. The Motion will be taken up at 4 o'clock subject to the regulations and restrictions in the Standing Orders relating to Motions for Adjournment."

VIII

DISCUSSION ON THE ARTICLE IN THE "SWARAJYA" OF 20TH JANUARY 1924 REGARDING THE HON. THE PRESIDENT.

Rao Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU :—" Sir, before you proceed with the business of the day, I wish to bring to your notice the wording of the article in the *Swarajya* dated the 20th January . . . "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member wish to raise a point of order ? "